



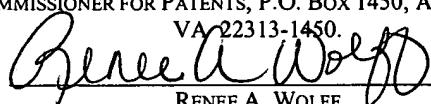
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF**  
**NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

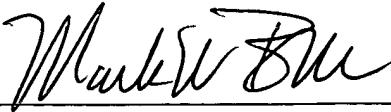
This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 1, 2003. A copy of this Notice is enclosed.

The Notice indicates that the oath or declaration is missing. Therefore, enclosed is an executed "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in Original Application" form for the above-identified application.

The Notice indicates that the statutory filing fee is missing. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,294.00 to cover the statutory filing fee of \$1164.00 and the late oath or declaration surcharge of \$130.00.

If additional fees are required, please charge them to Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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02 FC:1202	162.00 OP	
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04 FC:1201	52.00 DA	212.00 OP

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 750 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 2,4,5,6.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- Additional claim fees of \$414 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1294 for a Large Entity

- \$750 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$414
  - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20 .
  - \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3 .

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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